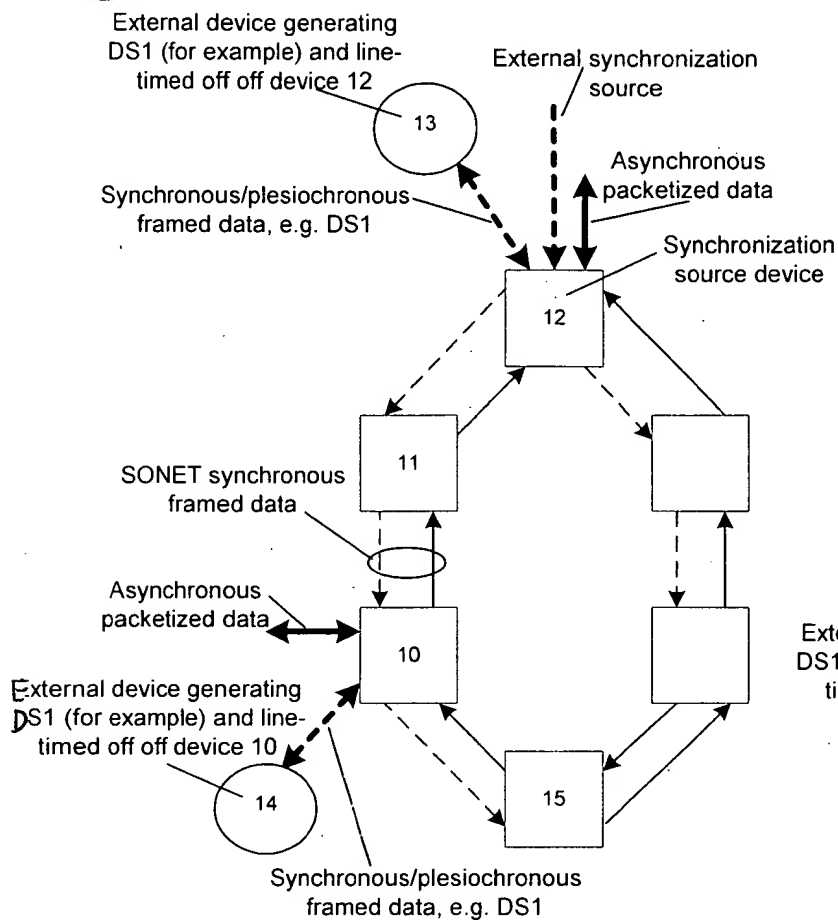
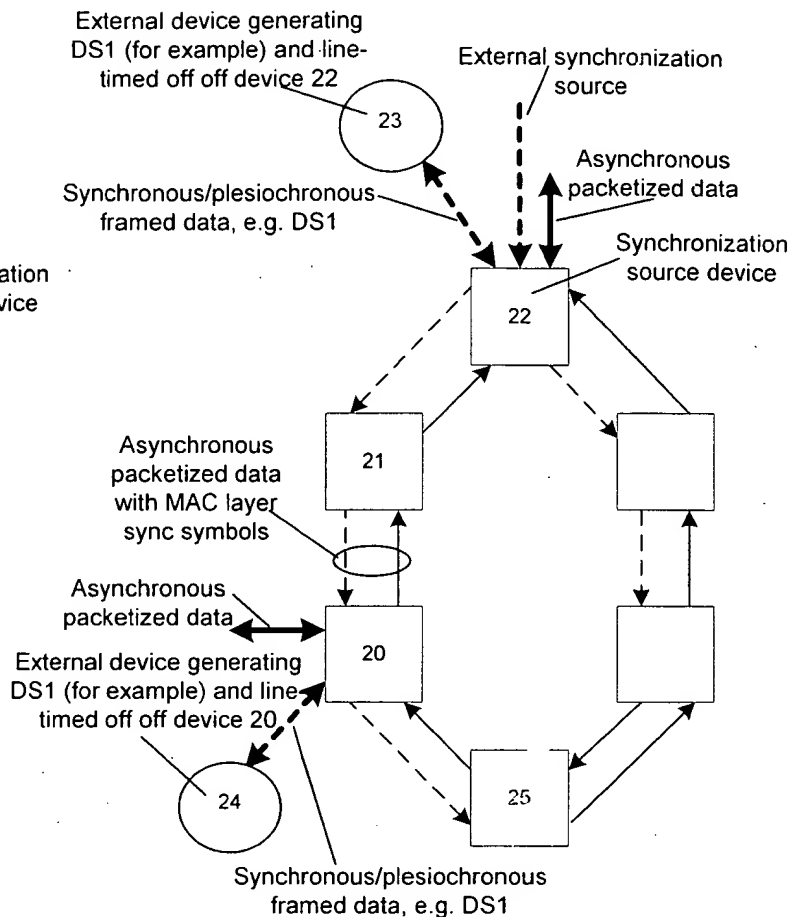




SONET RING



ASYNCHRONOUS RING



Representative synchronization distribution paths in both diagrams shown with dotted lines.

Fig. 1A

Fig. 1B

Representative transmission of MAC data frames without prioritized insertion of
synchronization symbol

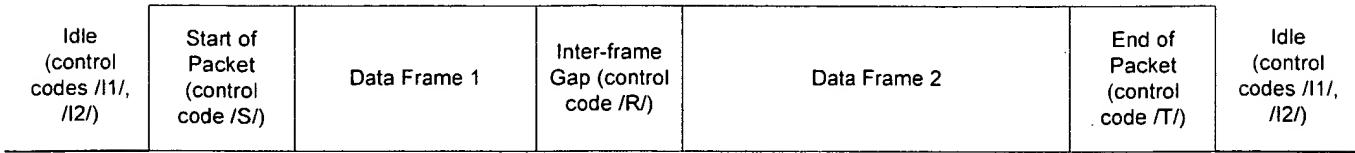


Fig. 2A

Representative transmission of MAC data frames with prioritized insertion of synchronization symbol

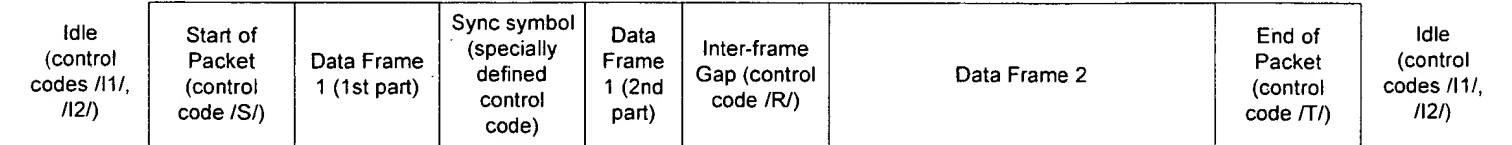


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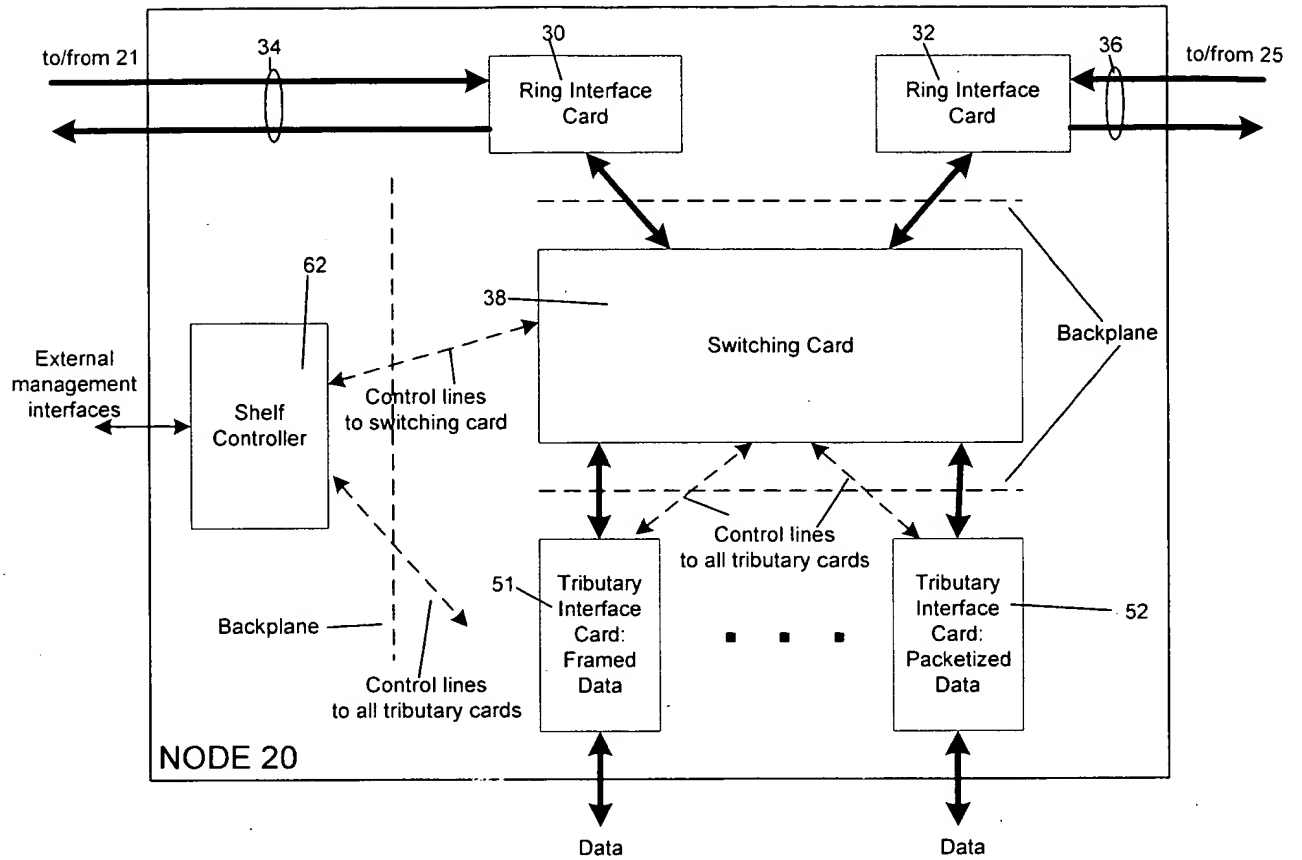
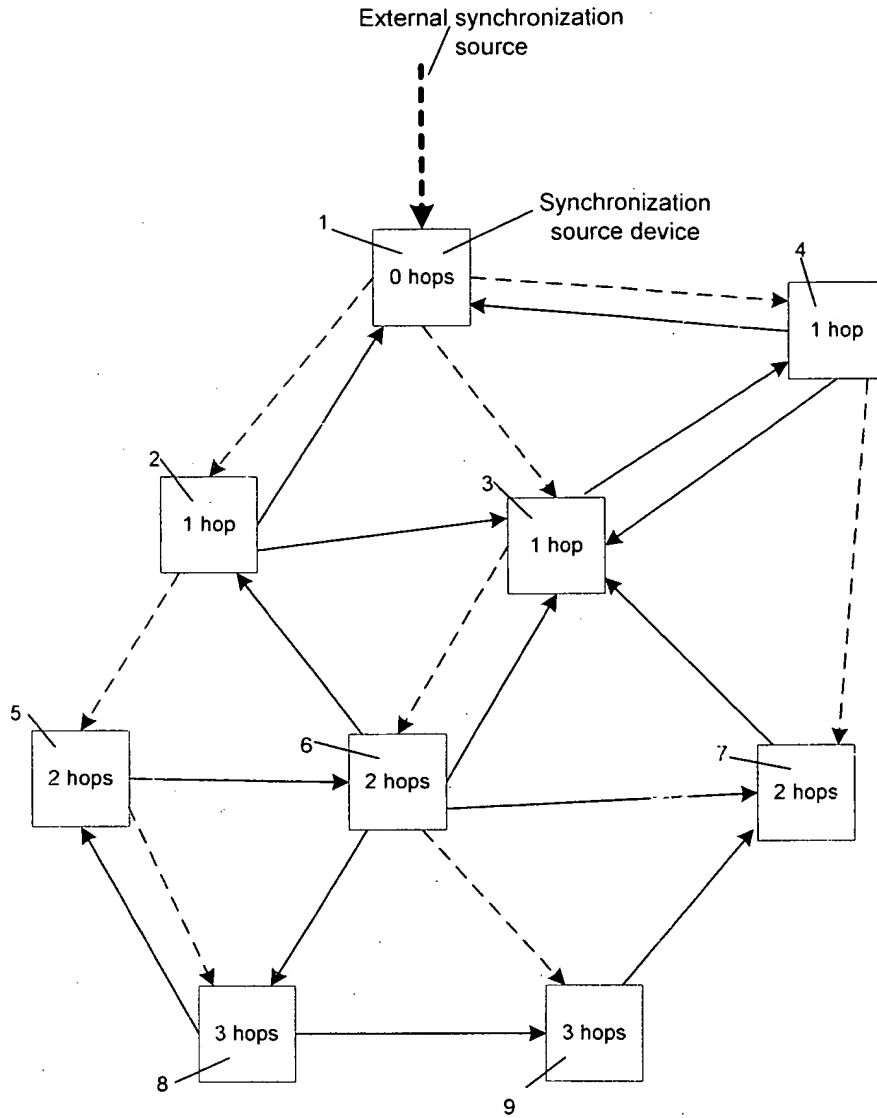


Fig. 3



Representative synchronization distribution paths shown with dotted lines.

Fig. 4

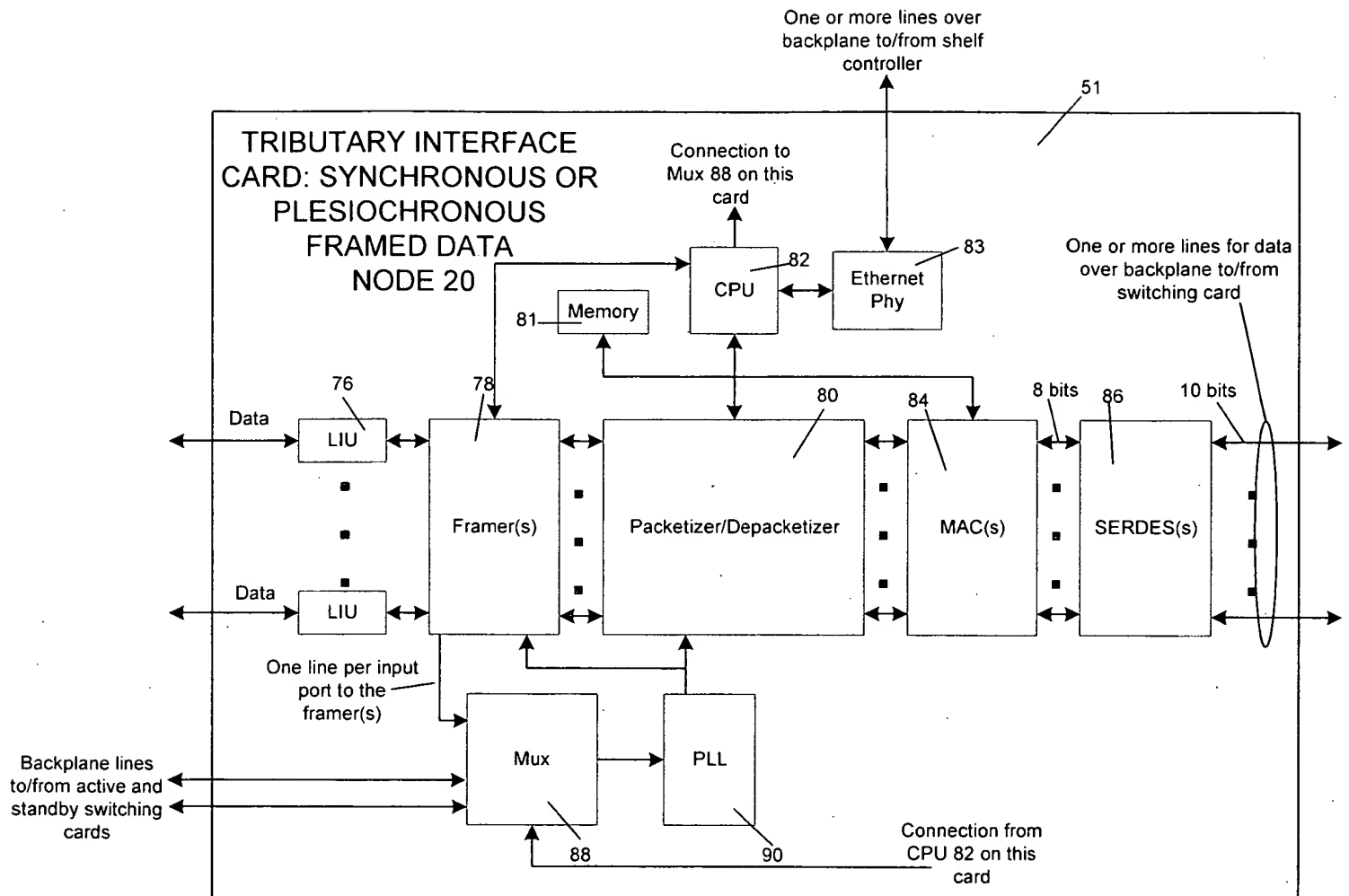


Fig. 5

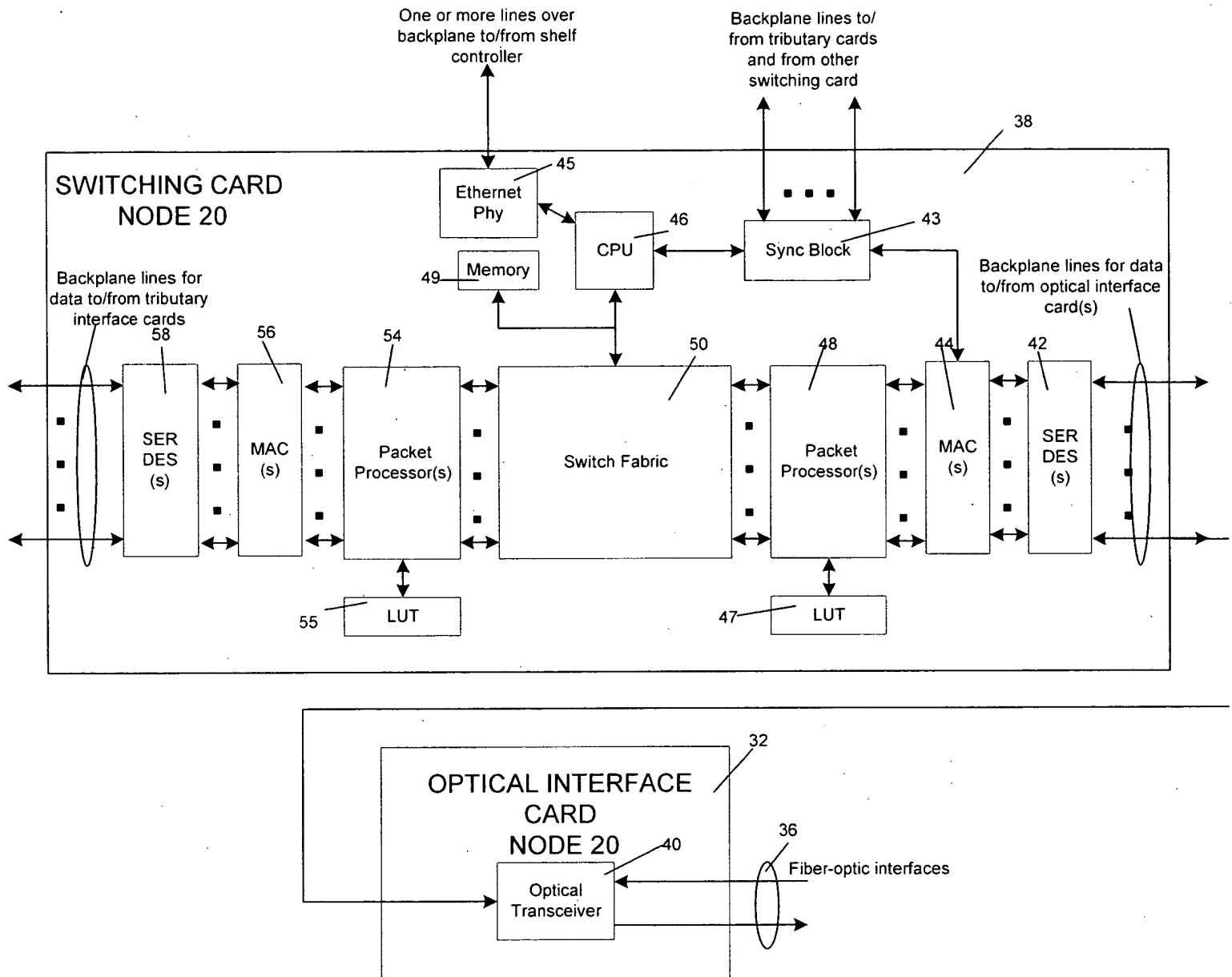


Fig. 6

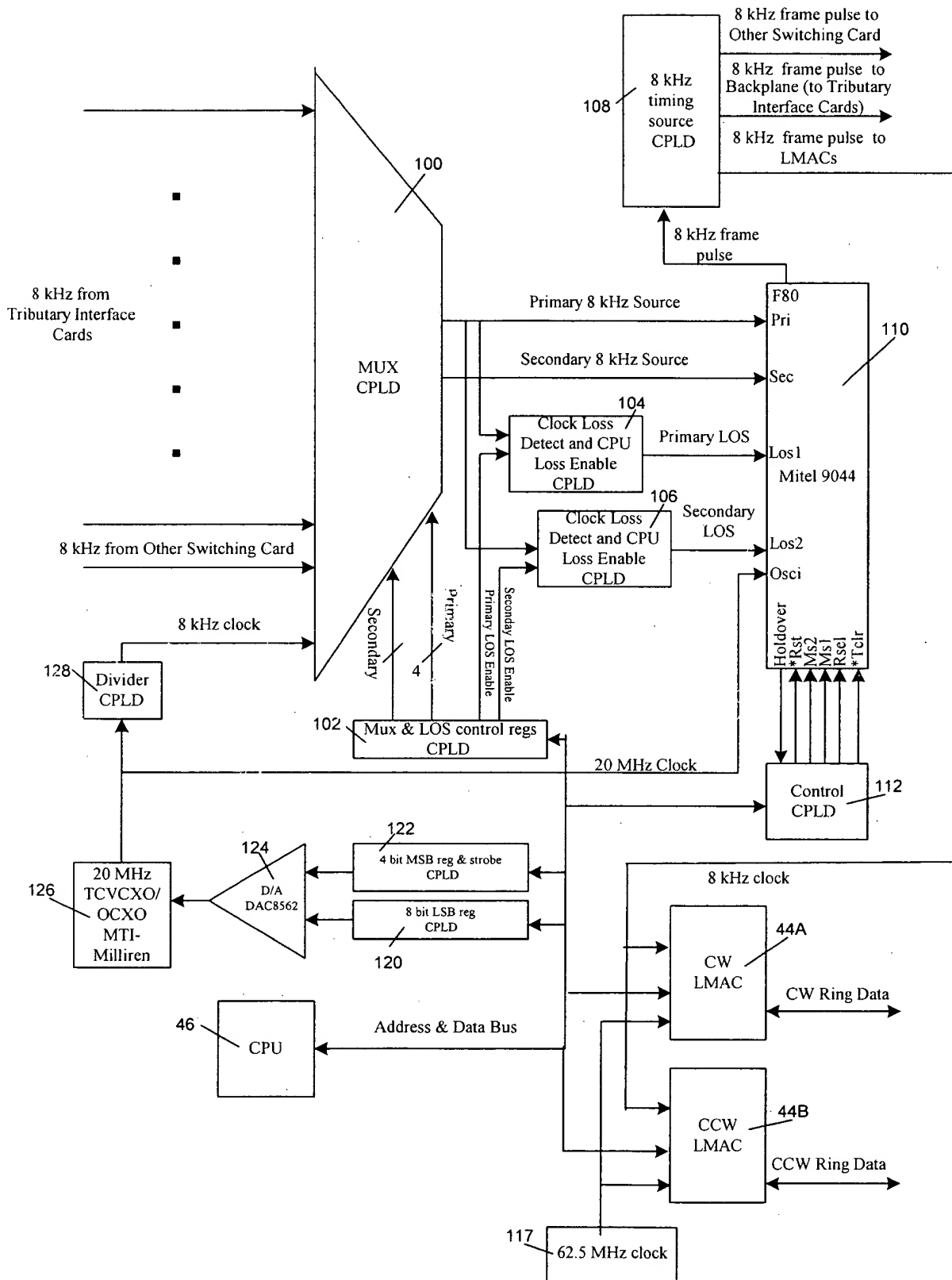


Fig. 7